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2. Juan Bosch publicly charged yesterday that US Ambassador Bennett in Santo Domingo is the chief culprit in the deception of the American people concerning the true nature of the Dominican insurrection, according to an Associated Press item. Bosch accused Ambassador Bennett of issuing "lies that caused the US government to commit a grave error in having the Marines land." Bosch further implied that US military forces were on the verge of beginning a "battle to the death" with the rebel forces on Saturday, 1 May, but "thank God it was prevented by the intervention of [ex-Ambassador to Santo Domingo] John Bartlow Martin."

3. A pressservice reports that today's "Pravda," the newspaper of the Soviet Communist Party, carries the charge that the "genuine facts penetrating the screen of lies show that the American troops are preparing a massacre of the champions of the constitutional government."

4. During the night of 5 May a group of 30 to 50 Peruvian students, reportedly from Lima's San Marcos University, demonstrated briefly in front of the US Embassy shouting "Yankee go home." The group was dispersed by the civil police but ten windows of the embassy were broken by thrown rocks.

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